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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

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August 28, 2015

Ray Ashton
Village of Angola – Department of Public Works
41 Commercial Street
Angola, New York 14006

Re: Grove Street Sewer

Dear Mr. Ashton:

In the County's continuing efforts to identify and remove sources of extraneous water to the sanitary sewer system, the Erie County Division of Sewerage Management has discovered a storm sewer connected directly into the sanitary sewer on Grove Street in the Village of Angola. This connection must be removed from the sanitary sewer in compliance with County, State, and Federal regulations, including Article V, of the "Rules and Regulations of Erie County Sewer Districts".

This storm sewer was discovered during smoke testing followed by a video inspection of that line. The storm sewer runs westerly from house #102 Grove Street. Field inspections have confirmed that there are a minimum of three homes with storm connections into this pipe that ultimately flows to the sanitary sewer on that street. This cross-connection has likely contributed to some of the Villages drainage problems and the County's sanitary sewer surcharges in the area during wet weather events.

This storm sewer needs to be removed from the sanitary sewer system to relieve the surcharging of the sanitary line during heavy rainfalls, which can result in basement flooding and overflows of untreated sewage. As the Village of Angola owns and maintains the storm sewer system, the County of Erie is requesting that this storm sewer connection be removed from the sanitary sewer system in a timely manner to the benefit of our shared constituencies.

Thank you for your anticipated attention to this matter. Please provide me with a timetable of when you expect to redirect these storm sewer discharges to another location and I will schedule my crew to bulk head the cross-connection from our side.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please feel free to call me at 549-3163.

Sincerely,

William D. Strzeszynski II
District Manager

Cc: Erie County Sewer District No. 2 Board of Managers
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